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1. A military airfield, about 6,600 x 3,800 feet, was located on the southwestern border of the town of VORONEZH (39°12'E/51°39'N). The following aircraft types were observed there:

a. Twin-engine bombers, glazed nose compartment, double rudder assembly, rear gunner's station on upper section of fuselage, cranked wings. Fifteen to twenty aircraft of this type circled the town individually each day. Formations of up to 30 aircraft, flying in three wedge formations, one behind the other, were observed several times daily. Eight to ten fighters escorted each formation two to three times a week. *

b. Single-engine fighters, long engine mounting, cupola of plexi-glass, tapering wings, retractable landing gear and tail wheel. Individual flying of 25 to 30 aircraft daily and occasionally formation flying of up to nine aircraft were observed. **

c. Twin-engine high-wing monoplanes, double rudder assembly, oblong plexi-glass cover of cockpit, glazed rear gunner's station in upper part of fuselage, landing gear and tail wheel retractable, straight wings. One or two aircraft of this type circled the town daily. ***

2. A commercial airfield estimated at 6,600 x 6,600 feet, was located on the northern town border, north of a tank plant and west of a main road to the north. More intensive flying with twin-engine, commercial aircraft has been observed since 1947. Description: retractable landing gear, clumsy front section of fuselage, side windows in fuselage.

3. A factory airfield, bordered by an aircraft plant on the south,

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was located east of VORONEZH, south of a PRILACHA suburb, and west of the north-south railroad line. The airfield was about 2,500 feet wide, and about 6,600 feet north-south, and had one or two runways.

25X1A COMMENT:

a. [redacted] the existence, location, and utilization of the three airfields, stating that the factory airfield east of VORONEZH had hangars and two crossed runways.

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b. Identifications:

[redacted]

c. [redacted] at the same time. From the observed occupation, mostly by twin-engine aircraft of different types, it is inferred that a bomber pilot school is located at the airfield southwest of VORONEZH.

d. According to available records, the airfield north of VORONEZH is about 7,500 x 8,000 feet. This is the first information on its occupation. The MOSCOW-VILITS-VORONEZH-URUPINSK-STALINGRAD-ASTRAKHAN commercial air line passes VORONEZH.

e. The factory airfield east of VORONEZH belongs to Aircraft Plant No. 19. The reported size is in accordance with available records. Only one east-west runway had been completed at the end of the war.

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